

## **DOC CONTROL CONTINUUM**

**Officer Presence:** The identification of authority by officers such as:

- Clean, well kept uniform, badge, and other official markings
- Show of force by numerous officers or special response units
- Videotaping
- Movement of appropriate staff, equipment, and/or weapons to an incident site

**Verbal Direction:** Commands of direction toward an offender by a staff member.

- Verbal commands include any verbal direction given to an offender by an officer or other DOC staff member

**Soft Empty-Hand Techniques:** Techniques designed to control low levels of resistance, which include:

- Pressure point control techniques
- Joint Locks
- Pain Compliance techniques
- Distractionary striking techniques

**Hard Empty-Hand Techniques:** Techniques designed to control non lethal aggression/assaults against an officer/staff (e.g., advancing, challenging, punching, kicking, grabbing, etc.). They include:

- Defensive Counterstrikes
- Shoulder Pin Restraint
- Takedowns

**Intermediate Weapons:** The application of any weapon/object that is not part of the human body to control resistance or an assault and may include:

- Restraints
- Chemical Agents such as OC, CS, CN or mace
- Impact weapons such as collapsible batons, riot batons, riot shields, etc.
- Conductive Energy Devices (tasers/stun guns)
- May also include emergency/improvised weapons such as flashlight, radio, etc.

**Lethal Force:** Any force used by an officer that is likely to result in serious bodily harm or the loss of human life. This may include:

- Use of a firearm
- Use of edged weapons
- Use of impact weapons to the head or neck
- May also include emergency/improvised weapons/techniques likely to cause serious bodily harm or the loss of human life

***NOTE: The officer may enter the continuum at any level that represents a reasonable response to the perceived threat posed by the subject.***

***NOTE: In youth facilities, lethal force may only be used to prevent serious bodily injury or death.***

This control continuum is based on the PPCT™ Resistance/Control Continuum, February 2005 Defensive Tactics Instructor Manual, PPCT Management Systems, Inc.